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SUBJECT: UN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR THE SECOND

DECADE OF INDIGENOUS ISSUES

¶1. Mission received the following note from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs regarding the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People and requesting information regarding plans of the USG for the Second Decade and views as to a midterm and end-of-term review of the Second Decade. Responses are requested by June 20, 2006. Text of note follows in para 2 below.

12. Begin text:

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations and has the honour to draw its attention to General Assembly resolution 60/142, adopted in December 2005, by which the Assembly adopted the Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People as a guideline for action for the Decade. The resolution and Programme of Action are attached.

In that resolution, the General Assembly, inter alia, urged all actors involved in the process to $\bar{\text{cooperate}}$ in a constructive and decisive manner in order to achieve rapid progress and concrete results in realizing the goals of the Second Decade; appealed to the international community to provide financial support to the Programme of Action, inter alia, through contributions to the Fund for the Second Decade; requested the Coordinator of the Second Decade, namely the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, to consult with Member States, agencies, organizations and other relevant bodies and mechanisms of the United Nations system, indigenous organizations and other non-governmental organizations about the possibility of undertaking midterm and end-of-term reviews of the Second Decade; and invited Governments, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, indigenous and other non-governmental organizations and civil society actors to draw up their own plans for the Second Decade, using as a guideline for action the goal, objectives and Programme of Action of the Decade, including integrating a gender perspective.

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs would therefore be grateful to receive information regarding plans of the Government of the United States of America for the Second Decade as well as the views of the Government as to a midterm and an end-of-term review of the Second Decade. The Permanent Mission's response would be appreciated by 20 June 2006 so that the Coordinator for the Second Decade may inform the sixty-first session of the General Assembly.

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